

Fritwell School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday 29th November



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week with trips to the panto, Twickenham, the Big Sing and cross-country. The children had great fun at the panto (oh no they didn't!) so a huge thank you to FOFS for funding the tickets. The children were impeccably behaved throughout and were a great credit to the school. What a lovely way to start the festive season and great inspiration for our own nativity plays in a couple of weeks time.

While the main school was at the panto, I was with six children from Sharks class at Twickenham. Being at England's home of rugby and getting to play on the actual pitch, at times it was difficult to know who was more excited – the children or adults! The children had plenty of warm-up drills before getting stuck into the matches. We played 5 matches and won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. The children learned from each game and grew in confidence. We saw great sportsmanship from the children and I could not have been more proud. The whole team were fabulous but it would be remiss of me not to give a special mention to Oscar who scored an incredible 6 tries across the 5 matches. Well done to you all! A huge, huge thank you to Mr Pemble for choosing us (along with St Joseph's in Bicester) out of all the schools he teaches at to experience Twickenham firsthand.

The praise keeps coming with a fantastic trip to Oxford for the Big Sing. Mrs Ejiogu received several compliments on the children's singing and how well they presented themselves. You will know firsthand from celebration worships, for example, just how amazing the children's singing is. This is certainly a huge asset to the school and something that struck me in my first few weeks at Fritwell as something exceptional. We have a visitor from the diocese on Monday, so I am looking forward to her reaction when she hears the children.

We also had the long-awaited rescheduling of the cross country for our school winners. The children showed the Fritwell Footsteps in action with great resilience and determination. We don't know the final results yet, but we will let you know when they are in.

Next week is Yenworthy and I know the children and staff cannot wait! Everyone will be making lifelong memories, and I cannot wait to see the updates of how they are all getting on. A big thank you to staff in advance for giving up a week with your own families to give our children this amazing experience and opportunity.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher.





THANK YOU

The Early Years team would like to thank Mr Gallagher for sanding and painting out sheds. Thank you for giving up your time to make the sheds look bright and appealing. We would also like to sit a big thank you to the carpenter apprentices at Dorchester Living who made our wonderful benches. They have made a big impact to our snack time as we can all sit down together to enjoy our healthy snack as well as enhancing our outdoor provision. All the children say a huge thank you.

Warm wishes,
The Early Years Team



Sticklebacks

An autumn term to remember! In 4 short weeks we have; played in the snow with Mr Pemble, saw Sleeping Beauty at the Panto, enjoyed lunchtimes with the youth activators, shown our Nativity to the school, received letters from different authors, met Frederick Afrifa and completed lots of learning in the classroom in between. We are looking forward to what the rest of the term holds.



Seahorses

Earlier in this term we launched our new Science topic of materials with three investigations. We were trying to help out some characters from books to test the properties of common materials.

Did you know that if you wrap Humpty Dumpty in bubble wrap/cotton wool and paper he might survive the fall? Cinderella has a wonderful example of the right material to prevent spillages on her dress now and the Three Pigs can call on the Seahorses to create a "wolf-proof" house!

We also completed our unit of work on "Where the Poppies Now Grow" by writing our own acrostic poems. These will be on display shortly in our class window.

Finally, Seahorses delighted Mrs Ejiogu with our singing of Reggae star Bob Marley's Three Little Birds. She was blown away by the standard of singing amongst us!



FoFs

Calling all online shoppers!

Dear Parents and Carers... if you've started your Christmas shopping please consider signing up to this cash back scheme for the School.

All details are in the poster below but here is the link for desktop:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoffritwell/

Many thanks and happy shopping!
FoFS team :-)



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Introducing.....

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WHAT IS IT?

Easy Fundraising is a super *easy* way to donate to our School via your usual online shopping. Shops will donate a % of your purchase straight to the School without any additional expense to you.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

>> DESKTOP

Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsoffritwell/>

- Set-up an account
- Accept the option to install a browser extension - Donation Reminder. Once activated it pop-ups automatically when you're browsing online on every retailer site where a donation is available which means you don't have to remember to go to easyfundraising first!

>> MOBILE

- In the App Store search 'Easy Fundraising' ..install the app and set-up your account. We are listed as 'The Friends of Fritwell School'
- When you shop online remember to do so through the App

Santa Fun Run.

Once again we would like to invite our parents to enter the Santa fun run on Tuesday 10th December in aid of Katharine House Hospice. This is a hugely popular annual event and every child at school will complete a lap or 2 of the field (Weather Permitting)

We will be running at 9.15am, so if you feel like joining us please plan in a bit of time as each class runs individually and then tags the next class in by singing a carol to them.

We will start with the EYFS class and move up through the school. Please send all children to school in their PE kits, with their uniform in their bags to change into.

We are asking for donations of £2 for each child and adult participating in the run. This will be collected at the gate in cash. More generous donations are very welcome. Our beautiful friend and colleague Julie is currently under the care of Katharine house and other staff members also have ties with the organisation. It is very dear to our hearts.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Last year we raised £458.30p

Dates for your diary

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30
Music for schools lessons Monday AM
Forest School – Sticklebacks/EYFS Tuesday pm

December

W/C 2/12/24 – Yenworthy residential trip

Monday 2nd – Decorating day, children can wear a Christmas Jumper over their uniform to school. This is not a non uniform day.

Friday 6th December – FoFs Cinema evening Polar Express 3.15pm

Monday 9th – EYFS Big Little Nativity to parents

Tuesday 10th – Sticklebacks Nativity 'A Little Bird Told Me' to parents

Tuesday 10th – Santa fun run for Katherine House Hospice

Friday 13th – Secret Present room

Monday 16th – Stingrays community tea party

Wednesday 18th – School Christmas lunch

Friday 20th - Church service 9.30am

Last day of term, finish at 1.15pm.

January

Monday 6th – Inset day

Tuesday 7th – First day of term 3

The Well

Would you like to meet new people?

Would you like to feel listened to?

Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

You'll receive a warm welcome, a nurturing environment
and a listening ear.

Every Thursday

2.30pm-3.00pm

